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CONDITION OF ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic condition of the ESI hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the schemes formulated by the Government to improve the condition of the ESI hospitals; and

(d) the funds proposed to be allocated for implementing the said schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (c): The condition of ESI Hospitals and their working in the country is generally satisfactory.

The measures being taken to improve the facilities in various ESI Hospitals in the country includes, interalia, the following:-

(i) modernization of State Government- run ESI Hospitals - Action plans were drawn up to augment the availability of equipments and upgrade & modernize diagnostic and clinical facilities.

(ii) tie up arrangements for speciality/super-speciality services - to provide more comprehensive medical services to Insured Persons and their families, tie-up arrangements with specialized hospitals have been made by various State Governments. A Revolving Fund has been set up for easy access to such services.

(iii) Model Hospital Scheme- One hospital in every State has been/is being taken over, with the consent of State Government by ESI Corporation to be run directly so as to gave financial relief to the State Governments and improve management. Those hospitals are being better equipped and their scope of services is being widened to provide comprehensive secondary care medical services.

(iv) Augmenting Funds for provision of medical care - the ceiling for reimbursement of expenditure on provisions of medical care by State Government has been enhanced from 600/- in 2000-03 to Rs.750/- per Insured Person family unit in 2004-05.

(d): Adequate budget provision has been made in last few years to speedily implement the various schemes mentioned above. For the year 2004-05, a provision of Rs.63 crores has been made for purchase of equipment for State Government hospitals and for the Model Hospital Scheme Rs.53 crores have been provided. A provision of Rs.581 crores has been made for reimbursement by ESI Corporation for provision of medical services by State Governments. Rs.25 crores has been provided for propagation of ISM facilities in the hospitals.